

# Interview Summary

Application No.  
09/884,084

Applicant(s)  
Komatsu et al

Examiner  
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Art Unit  
1723

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

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Date of Interview Feb 4, 2003

Type: a) ☐ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference  
c) ☒ Personal [copy is given to 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☒ applicant's representative]  
Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No. If yes, brief description:

Claim(s) discussed: 1.

Identification of prior art discussed:  
Parham et al (5,258,149).

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments:

the changes in pore size as a result of changing the silica particle size, and as compared to the disclosed pore size of the membrane for the protein filtration disclosed in the reference above was discussed. The Examiner's maintain that position that "in the process of making the membrane" as claimed in claim 1, changing the particle (silica) size, within the miroporous range, changes in the membrane pore size can be expected to one skilled in the art at the time the invention was made, since the particles do not dissolve in the casting solution, the pores can be considered equivalent to the pore size formed in the membrane.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

i) ☒ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview (if box is checked).

Unless the paragraph above has been checked, THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached

  
ANA FORTUNA  
PRIMARY EXAMINER

Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an Attachment to a signed Office action.

Examiner's signature, if required